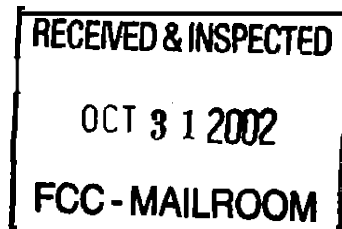


Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554



In the Matter of	)	
Verizon Telephone Companies	)	
Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, and 16	)	
Transmittal No. 243	)	WCB/Pricing No. 02-27
	)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 73	)	
Transmittal No. 2913	)	
	)	
Ameritech Operating Companies	)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 2	)	
Transmittal No. 1318	)	
	)	
Southern New England Telephone Company	)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 39	)	
Transmittal No. 774	)	
	)	
Pacific Bell Telephone Company	)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1	)	
Transmittal No. 82	)	
	)	
Nevada Bell Telephone Company	)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1	)	
Transmittal No. 22	)	

**Order on Reconsideration**

**Adopted: October 28, 2002**

**Released: October 28, 2002**

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. In a September 30, 2002, order in this docket, the Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau suspended for five months and set for investigation Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, and 16. Transmittal No. 243.<sup>1</sup> The

<sup>1</sup> *Verizon Telephone Companies Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, at 16 Transmittal No. 243, et al.*, Order, DA 02-2472 (WCB released Sept. 30, 2002) (*Suspension Order*). In that order the Pricing Policy Division also suspended for five months and set for investigation certain rates for Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) Tariff F.C.C. (continued....)

transmittals addressed in that order sought to establish rates for Universal Service Fund charges billed to residential and business customers to reflect the companies' fourth quarter 2002 contribution obligations.

2. Verizon withdrew its Transmittal No. 243 on October 8, 2002.<sup>2</sup> This withdrawal renders moot the investigation of the Verizon tariff changes included in its Transmittal No. 243. Therefore, on our own motion, we reconsider our decision to suspend and investigate Verizon's Transmittal No. 243, and we terminate the investigation of those tariff provisions.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 204 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 204, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.108 of the Commission's rules: 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.108, we reconsider, on our own motion, our decision in the *Suspension Order* to suspend for five months and investigate the revisions filed by Verizon Telephone Companies, under Transmittal No. 243.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 204 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 204, and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, the investigation imposed in WCB/Pricing File No. 02-27 IS TERMINATED with respect to Verizon Telephone Companies.

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No. 2, Transmittal No. 1318. We also suspended for one day, imposed an accounting order, and set for investigation Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Transmittal No. 2913, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (Nevada) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 22, Pacific Bell Telephone Company (Pacific) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 82, Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, Transmittal No. 774, and certain rates for Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Transmittal No. 1318.

<sup>2</sup> *Verizon Transmittal No. 243*, filed Oct. 8, 2002 pursuant to Special Permission No. 02-127